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I support funding and a high prioritization of the North Douglas Crossing (previously called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Channel Crossing.)

This project is vitally important to Juneau. It has been a top transporation priority and Emergency Planning priority of the City and Borough of Juneau for many years. Completion of this project will provide an essential link to economic development of the west side of Douglas, which will provide much needed area for residential, recreational, industrial and port development. Without transportation infrastructure to this new growth area on West Douglas, Juneau has few, if any, places to accomodate any additional growth or development.

Over \$2.5 million has already been spent on the Preliminary Scoping of this project as part of the Environmental Impact Study, most of which will go to waste of the project is delayed too long.

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